Procedure of selection of districts under NREGP

†2684. SHRI SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of two hundred districts selected under the Rural Employment Guarantee Programme introduced on 2nd February, 2006;

(b) the procedure adopted to select the districts from various States; and

(c) the way by which Ministry of Rural Development and Planning Commission have coordinated and the role of States in this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) A list of 200 districts identified for implementation of NREG Act in the first phase is given in the Statement-I [Refer to the Statement-I appended to answer to Unstarred question No. 2630]

(b) and (c) Out of the 200 districts identified for implementation of NREGA in the first phase, 150 districts are those districts which had been earlier identified for NFFWP and 50 new districts have been identified by the Planning Commission. These 150 districts were selected on the basis of an exercise conducted by the Planning Commission on the basis of three parameters SC/ST population, inverse of agricultural productivity per worker and ivnerse of agricultural wage rate. The States were given an extended list on the basis of above parameters and were given to indicate their choice out of the extended list and also suggest any other district with detailed justification. Least one district was selected from each State except Goa. For North Eastern States except Assam where data on above parameters was not available, districts, were selected out of RSVY districts. Out of the 50 new districts selected, 45 districts are those districts which were covered under Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) but not included in NFFWP. 5 districts have been identified by the Planning Commission to assess the impact of the programme in certain specific backgrounds.

Every state is required to frame and notify a State Scheme under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act within six months of the commencement of the Act. This Scheme will be implemented and expenditure shared between the Centre and States as per provisions of the Act.

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